

ATHLETICS PERTH ROAD RUNNERS

Perth Road Runners' 39th edition of the annual Yahoo race was held this month.

And competitors were vying for one of the most coveted - and certainly largest - trophies of the year.

The course was a nine-and-a-half mile wet, dark and steep road run containing both the climb of Newhouse Road and some infamously steep slopes around the Craigie area.

As a handicap race with staggered start times, it seeks to provide an even contest for all participants, sending more leisurely/stately runners on their way before the later-starting elite athletes.

This makes for a hotly-contested glory lap of the North Inch park to the finish.

Charles Woodhead and Fabienne Thompson had set off together in the mid-pack and their mutual competition had clearly driven them on through the field.

Their head torches appeared together on the finishing straight, with Charles crossing the line 22 seconds ahead, to take the win. Andy Miller took a fine third.

Rhiannon Laing, who had recently emerged as ladies' club champion, was clearly on the hunt for more silverware and regained the fastest lady quaich she won in 2021 in a fine time of 65:58.

Meanwhile, recent men's champion, Elliot Collins, stormed to an excellent 55:18 and the fastest male cup.

At the end, participants huddled together for a most welcome hot chocolate and warming stovies before the prize giving. Thanks went to the selfless spirit of the volunteers who braved the conditions to make the race happen.



Prizes Perth Road Runners' Yahoo trophy winners: Elliot Collins (fastest male), Rhiannon Laing (fastest lady) and Charles Woodhead (handicap trophy winner)